

talents of Ireland. The festival will feature traditional Irish dancing, numerous musical acts, and the great Irish food we all love.

The Irish American Heritage Center has consistently demonstrated its commitment to keeping the Irish heritage alive and thriving in Chicago. Its museum, library, and festivals all contribute to the success of the organization, and I applaud those who work and volunteer their time to continue this important mission.

But, the Irish American Heritage Center festival is much more than good food and entertainment. It is a chance to remember and honor all of the hard work and accomplishments made by the Irish Community. It is through this awareness by which younger generations can pass on the traditions and values of Ireland.

The museum was officially opened by the President of Ireland, Mrs. Mary Robinson, on October 13, 1991. Museum acquisitions include: a magnificent collection of Belleek Parian China; a historic chair commissioned by the Irish Fellowship Club of Chicago on the occasion of the visit of U.S. President William Howard Taft on St. Patrick's Day 1910; and the first organ from St. Patrick's Church in St. Charles, Illinois.

The Irish American Heritage Centers Library houses many special collections, including a facsimile edition of the world's most famous illuminated manuscript, The Book of Kells, which has been described as the "work of angels, not of men."

Mr. Speaker, I am honored on behalf of the Fifth District, and indeed all of Chicago, to call attention to all of the meaningful work occurring at the Irish American Heritage Center at the time of its Irish American Heritage Festival. I wish the Center continued success and a fantastic Irish fest.

#### CONGRATULATING LAKEWOOD ON SPORTS ILLUSTRATED AWARD

### HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 9, 2004*

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise proudly today to congratulate the city of Lakewood for being named Sports Illustrated magazine's "Sportstown" for the State of California. This prestigious award recognizes the city in California with the best community sports programs. And since California is Sports Illustrated's No. 1 state, that means Lakewood is the number one sports town in the entire country. Sports and outdoor living are part of the fabric of life in this wonderful city, which I represent, in the 39th District of California.

Every year, Mr. Speaker, more than 13,000 Lakewood citizens participate in sports leagues or volunteer as coaches or referees. Kids of all ages in Lakewood play sports in one of the many city-sponsored leagues. The city's leagues are free of charge so all kids in the city can participate, and learn the values of teamwork and sportsmanship while they are having fun and making friends. The grownups in Lakewood also join in adult basketball, softball, tennis and volleyball leagues.

And if you live in Lakewood and sports leagues aren't your cup of tea you can go to one of the 10 public parks, two public swim-

ming pools, or two public Community Centers and get some exercise or just have a good time.

This prestigious award recognizing Lakewood's community sports programs comes during the same year that Lakewood is celebrating its 50th anniversary.

So, to the people of the City of Lakewood I say, "Congratulations for being the best sports city in America, and Happy 50th Anniversary!"

#### REMEMBERING SECOND LIEUTENANT ANDRE D. TYSON

### HON. JUANITA MILLENDER-McDONALD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 9, 2004*

Ms. MILLENDER-McDONALD. Mr. Speaker, I rise this morning to pay tribute to a young man from my district who was killed in action serving in the Iraqi conflict.

Second Lieutenant Andre D. Tyson was charged with patrolling and gathering intelligence on insurgents in the farmlands in Balad. He died, at 33, when enemy forces ambushed his ground patrol.

Called to active duty last fall, Second Lieutenant Tyson was assigned to the 579th Engineer Battalion, Army National Guard, which is based in Petaluma, California.

Mr. Speaker, Andre Tyson told a reporter 10 days before his death, that local people were hospitable to the soldiers, giving them tea and bread that he described as being "almost like homemade tortillas." His cousin said, "All of his e-mails spoke positively about his experiences in Iraq."

Mr. Speaker, Andre's family said he was a man that commanded respect and his peers looked up to him.

It is important to honor and pay tribute to all of the brave men and women across the Nation who have given their lives in defense of the freedoms we enjoy every single day, and all leave behind families who miss their sons and daughters. Too many of our young people have their lives cut way too short, but their sacrifice will be long remembered.

I would like to extend my condolences to the family and friends of Second Lieutenant Andre D. Tyson, and my thoughts and prayers are with his family during this difficult time.

#### TRIBUTE TO BRISTOL-MYERS SQUIBB COMPANY

### HON. JAMES T. WALSH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 9, 2004*

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in tribute to the Bristol-Myers Squibb Company's Syracuse, New York facility, which will receive the 2004 Presidential Green Chemistry Challenge Award in the alternative synthetic pathways category presented by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Bristol-Myers Squibb earned this great honor through the development of an environmentally friendly synthesis for the cancer drug Taxol®. The EPA's Presidential Green Chemistry Challenge Program has been promoting

pollution prevention through voluntary partnership with the chemical community since 1996. The annual awards recognize outstanding accomplishments in the development of chemical technologies that incorporate the principles of green chemistry into chemical design, manufacture, and use. To date winning technologies have eliminated over 460 million pounds of chemical and solvent pollutants, saved over 440 million gallons of water, and eliminated over 170 million pounds of atmospheric carbon dioxide emissions.

I express my congratulations to the men and women of the Bristol-Myers Squibb Company in Syracuse for receiving such an outstanding honor. Bristol-Myers Squibb has truly shown itself to be a leader in environmental technology innovation.

#### TRIBUTE TO BERTRAND SEIDMAN

### HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 9, 2004*

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a man who spent his entire life devoted to helping working men and women and their families. Bertrand Seidman a constituent of my district and legend in the labor movement, recently passed away after a lifetime of advocating for working people in the United States.

After earning his Master's degree in economics from the University of Wisconsin at Madison, Mr. Seidman began his stellar career at the Bureau of Labor Statistics in Washington, DC. In 1944, he started performing his service as a conscientious objector clearing a path for the Blue Ridge Parkway. During this time he began educating his fellow workers in industrial relations and later led a year-long strike after the government stopped paying conscientious objectors while still having them work.

In 1948 he began his distinguished career with the AFL-CIO as an economist in their research department and later served as the European representative for the AFL-CIO. He continued his service to the nation as a member of the United States delegation to the United Nations' International Labor Organization from 1958 to 1976 and then from 1987 to 1988.

It was after this service that Bert Seidman was appointed to become head of the AFL-CIO's Social Security department. He worked there for twenty four years and ensured that the labor movement would continue to focus on social welfare issues. He was especially interested in health care, pensions and occupational health for all. Mr. Seidman was also active in making sure that Social Security would not be privatized and that all Americans would have health insurance, regardless of their economic status.

Our nation lost an activist when Bert Seidman passed away on June 24th. He will always be remembered for his role in our nation's labor movement. Bert wanted to make sure that when people worked their whole lives, they would be taken care of in their retirement, and if they were ill or injured, they would have ample health care to help their recovery. Most importantly, he was for the most basic right, equality. I am grateful for his vision, his dedication and the many years of